MINUTES

MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 16, 2024

Meeting convened at 8:30 A.M. with Jeff Brugger, Jimmy Burnham and Jayson Farmer present.

State’s Attorney Josh Stratemeyer attended the meeting with an agreement with Chapman Cutler to provide disclosures for debt certificates on behalf of Massac County.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, second by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to approve the agreement with Chapman Cutler as written.

Jeff Brugger Votes AYE

 Jimmy Burnham Votes AYE

 Jayson Farmer Votes AYE

Jayson Farmer and Kaley McGinnis asked to be on the agenda to discuss Connect Massac, which is a group formed by Patrick Windhorst to try to get a Broadband Grant. They want to encourage everyone to take the survey by emailing connectmassac@gmail.com or calling 618-522-0210. Kaley gave a background on the group. The last day to take the survey is May 17, 2024.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from April 9, 2024.

Jeff Brugger Votes AYE

 Jimmy Burnham Votes AYE

 Jayson Farmer Votes AYE

Linda Wetzel with the Highway Department attended the meeting with claims to be signed.

Sheriff Chad Kaylor attended the meeting with claims to be signed and a list of this week’s bills. One bill was for new radio equipment purchased through ARPA funds.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, second by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to enter into closed session at 9:30 A.M. to discuss personnel.

Jeff Brugger Votes AYE

 Jimmy Burnham Votes AYE

 Jayson Farmer Votes AYE

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to exit closed session at 9:42 A.M.

Jeff Brugger Votes AYE

 Jimmy Burnham Votes AYE

 Jayson Farmer Votes AYE

Treasurer Sarah Bremer attended the meeting with an update in all accounts totaling $6,360,347.65.

Mrs. Bremer also brought in a quarterly budget report.

 Christian Schlesinger and Matthew Vollbrecht with Forefront Power/Westwood gave a presentation of the proposed Old Joppa Road-Sommer Community Solar Project, which will be 12.8 acres. Attorney Rick Abell was also present.

 It is a community Solar Project and will tie into Ameren and allows anyone to participate. There will be an outreach program locally for people to subscribe. This project could service 400-500 homes. Rick stated that he and Terry Foster agree that it is their opinion that this project meets all the requirements of the county’s Solar Ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved an ordinance for a Special Use Permit for siting a Commercial Solar Energy Facility.

 Jeff Brugger Votes AYE

 Jimmy Burnham Votes AYE

 Jayson Farmer Votes AYE

Construction should start Spring 2024.

Don Robbins, CEO of Massac Memorial Hospital attended the meeting to give a quarterly update. He states they are engaged with a recruitment firm trying to get more physicians hired. MMH has started a Pain Management Clinic, set to open April 29, 2024. The mobile unit allows the hospital to access patients who may not have adequate transportation to get to the facility. The hospital just completed the Community Health Needs Assessment. Mr. Robbins also discussed the Connect Massac survey of which he is a part of. There is an Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (1CAHN) Economic Summit May 14, 2024 at the Hotel & Conference Center in Champaign which Mr. Robbins is attending and encourages others to attend. The hospital has been working hard towards Community Engagement through several events and activities. Mr. Robbins also updated the Commissioners on board members who have terms expiring and who is going to continue serving on the MMH Board.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Brugger, the Commissioners voted to adjourn until the next meeting,